(b) whether it is also a fact that the works were suspended after investing huge sums of money towards modernisation programme;

(c) whether the reasons for such suspension of works have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action is being taken to complete the job of modernisation and what is the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recovery proceedings against Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers

1017. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2442 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the balance demand of Rs. 26,82,164 from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has been disposed of;

(b) if so, whether the recovery has been made; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for such undue delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The demand of Rs. 26,82,164 referred to in the question was not due from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers but was due from Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. Appeals against this demand have not yet been disposed of.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cases filed by Government in the High Courts and the Supreme Court

1018. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the remark of the Chief Justice of Supreme Court, while opening a new block of Andhra Pradesh High Court in Hyderabad recently to the effect that the State is the largest litigant in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases pending in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as on 30th April, 1990 which have been filed by the Central Governments, State Governments and other similar authorities; and

(c) what are the details of corrective measures Government propose to take to ensure that common man is not dragged to courts for settling dues?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It is the policy of the Government not to drag the common man to the Court unnecessarily.

Recovery of various tax dues stayed by court orders

1019. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money which Government have to recover from industrialists and businessmen by way of excise duty, income tax and other taxes but which have been stayed by court orders as on 30th April, 1990; and